

## MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: February 20, 2018

**Agenda Item:** 2017 Volunteer Service Award Recognitions

**Division:** Parks

**Action Needed:** Informational

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 Min

## **Background:**

In 2017 1,435 volunteers provided 48,815 hours of service to the Montana State Parks Division. These volunteers served as campground hosts, greeted and provided information to visitors at visitor centers; assisted with education and interpretive programs; assisted with special-events and helped with a wide variety of special projects.

Each year Regional Park Managers receive nominations from field managers to be recognized as their regions individual or volunteer group of the year. Consideration is given to volunteers or volunteer groups based on the following criteria;

- nominees that have exhibited a strong commitment and personal interest in the park or parks division program they serve;
- how the nominee makes a difference to the public they serve;
- how the nominees help make a connection between the local community and the park or parks division programs;
- the nominees level of service provided to a critical component of the park operation; and
- the nominee's personal commitment and determination to volunteer and serve.

Today we recognize the Regional Service Award recipients for 2017.